

## **The Great Mughal Empire in India**

### **Area of Interaction – Human Ingenuity**

Chapter 4, Section 3 of your text book “Medieval Times...” pages 108-112

In this chapter you will be reading about some of India’s great rulers.

Q. What qualities do you think a good ruler should have?

**Write the heading “ The Great Mughal Empire in India in your notebook, then underline it.**

**TASK: Create a timeline in your notebook as shown on page 108 of your text book as you read. Then answer the following questions in complete sentences.**

**Q. What effects have the Himalayas had on India?**

**Q. Describe the remaining geographical features of the Indian subcontinent.**

**Q. Describe the invasion that began around A.D. 1000.**

**Q. What was the Delhi sultanate and during what period of history did it exist?**

**Q. Study the map on page 111.**

- a) Which of the Indian empires was the oldest (give dates)?
- b) Which empire gained control of the mouths of India’s two most important rivers?
- c) Why do you think neither the sultans nor the Mughals extended their empires further north?

**Q. Briefly describe Hindu religious beliefs.**

**Q. What was the Hindu caste system and what were the different classes of this system?**

**Q. How did Hindus and Muslims live together in India during this time?**

**Q. How was the Delhi sultanate defeated?**

**Q. Why was Akbar called “ the Great”?**

**Q. How did Akbar improve relations between Hindus and Muslims?**

**Q. What was the Taj Mahal?**

**Q. How do you think this and other extravagant buildings might have contributed to the decline of the Mughal Empire?**

**Q. What other factors caused the decline of the Mughal Empire?**